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Inmate Death at FCI Florence

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, inmate Michael Gerard Smith tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Florence in Florence, Colorado, and was placed in medical isolation. On December 10, 2020, Mr. Smith was transported to a local hospital due to respiratory distress. Subsequently on the same day, Mr. Smith, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased.

Mr. Smith was a 59-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of New Mexico to a 60-month sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of a Mixture and Substance Containing Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Florence since November 2, 2018.

FCI Florence is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,185 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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